Action against Customs Officials

930. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-

(a) tile names and designations of the customs officials suspended in the wake of smuggling RDX on the Western Coast;

(b) the names of other officials against whom complaints have been received.

(c) what action is being contemplated against them and

(d) what are the reasons delay in taking action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The name and designations of Customs officials suspended in connection with smuggling of RDX on the Western Ooast are given below:

S No	Name	Designation
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1	S.N. Thapa	Additional Collector
2	R.K. Singh	Assistant Collec or
3	S.S. Talwadekar	Superintendent
4	M.S. Sayeed	Superintendent
5	S.M. Padwal	Superintendent
6	J.K. Guvav	Inspector
7	S.K. Gharat	Inspector
8	R.R. Navalkar	Inspector
9	P. Nararajan	Inspector
10	V.V. Kadam	Inspector
11	R.A. Patil	Inspector
12	L.S. Vishandasani	Inspector

(b) No complaint from any investiga-*V"i.'i* agency has been received against any other official,

(c) and (d) does not arise in view of answer to part (b) above .

Steps to prevent smuggling of arms

931. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 70 per cent consignments of RDX, sophisticated arms etc. were landed on the West Coast (Gujarat and Maharashtra) between February 15 to 20, 1993 as reported in the Times of India, Bombay, of July, 17, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the facts and results of investigations conducted in this regard; and

(c) what effective steps have so far been taken to prevent such landings of weapons and explosives of mass destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Investigations in the Sanding of RDX, arms ammunitions and explotives on the West Coast in under progress. It will not be in the interest of investigations to give further details at this stage.

(c) Customs and other intelligence ser vices, both of Central and State Govern ments have been alerated to enforce inter nal surveillance in a fully integrated man ner to prevent such landings.

Import of tonns

932. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a racket in the import of toners and developers which are used in the prining industry in which besides the traders, the officials of the customs departments are alleged to have been involved:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have takenjpropose take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to *(C)* Information had been received by the Government sometime ago that certain traders in different parts of the country were importing toners used in the printing industry and in photo copying machines by under-invoicing their values. Information was also to the effect that these goods are mis-declared as carbon black. On enquiry, some cases of suspected under valued imports of toners at Bombay and Madras have come to notice. The matter is being examined further.

Demand for Reducing duty on hard coke

933. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand of the State Electricity Board and the industries that the duty on hard coke should be reduced from 80 per cent to 25 per cent; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a> and (b) There is no demand from State Electricity Boards for reduction of import duty on hard coke. However, demand for reduction of import duty on coke from 85 per cent to 25 per cent has been received from the industries of ferro alloy, zinc and lead, foundries etc. The demand for reduction of import duty on coke has been considered but has not been acceded to.

स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर में व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार

934. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 16 जून, 1993 को "इन्दौर समाचार" के अंक 46 में "स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर ने भ्रष्टाचार का नया इतिहास रचा" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर में व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार का केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो से जांच कराये जाने की कोई संभावना है; यदि हां, तो कब तक ; और

(ग) जांच के आदेश कब तक जारी किये जायेंगे ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) : स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर ने सूचित किया है कि वे सभी खाते, जिनका हवाला समाचार में दिया गया है, उन्हें आवश्यक सर्वेक्षण तथा उपयुक्त जमानतों/गारन्टियों के पश्चात् ही ऋण सुविधायें स्वीकृत की गई थीं । तथापि, इनमें प्रत्येक कुछेक खाते पुनर्वास/वसूली में अनेक स्तरों पर कमजोर/रुग्ण हो गए हैं । बैंक ने ऐसे सभी मामलों के बारे में अपने निदेशक मण्डल/भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक/सरकार को सूचित किया है । वसूली प्रयासों की प्रगति भी बैंक द्वारा अपने निदेशक मण्डल के समक्ष रखी जाती है । अतः बैंक का यह विचार है कि इन परिस्थितियों/सामग्री को देखते हुए किसी अन्य जांच की आवश्यकता नहीं है ।

Income Tax raids on companies

935. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of income tax raids conducted Statewise during 1993 till date;

(b) the names of the companies/establishments etc. on which income tax raids were made;

(c) what is the outcome of these income tax raids; and